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Dues for the HOA are only \$15/year. Please make a check payable to Amber Glades HOA if you want or cash can be used to pay. The dues can either be given to Pat Peterman, Treasurer, or put in the dues box in the clubhouse by the sliding doors. It is only with your membership that we can afford to have activities and do our best to represent the residents with management. The next HOA meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in October at 6:00 pm. You must be an HOA member to attend. If we have a Social Committee in place then, the first meeting of that committee will be the first Wednesday of October. All residents are invited to attend the Social Committee meetings.

MEETING WITH MANAGEMENT: The HOA Board met with park management on Thursday, August 7, 2025. The first issue discussed was the rodent problem in the park. Karen stated that they were putting bait boxes out all over the park. She emphasized that these were not traps but poison the rats would eat and take back to their nests. Some of these boxes have been taken by residents but they are placed where they are due to traveled routes and we should leave them alone. We discussed how much of the problem is coming from strip mall food sources and they would add some boxes along the fence line. ABC Pest Company is providing the boxes and told Karen Pinellas County has a big rodent issue. Discussed lawn service and complaints. Karen requested when someone has an issue, they should contact office as soon as possible so owner of company can check out issue. We should not complain to contractor directly, but call the office. Office and HOA has had a request by a resident to put road humps (not speed bumps) to try and slow down speeders. HOA will survey residents on thoughts about this. Ducks around lake are getting so numerous that it is causing unhealthy situation on island. Management has contacted company to remove some of them. Discussed new resident Meet and Greet. Since there are so few new residents, it was decided to only have get together quarterly instead of monthly.

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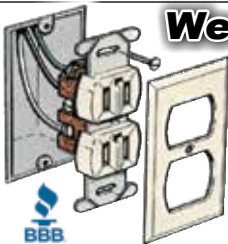


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SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Unfortunately, there is no Social Committee during this summer. If you would like to have an activity, all you need to do is present your idea to the board and we will make sure the activity is funded. You will have to recruit residents to help you with the activity and the board will help also. We are also looking for a Social Chair for future activities. If you would like to help us get things going again, please contact any board member. You must be a HOA member to chair an event.



MONTHLY FOOD GIVE-AWAY

We are so lucky to have Good Neighbors bring in food to be given away on the First Thursday of each month. This event was started by the Social Committee and has been continued despite the Social Committee disbanding during the summer months. Distribution begins at noon and is open to all residents. We are also lucky to have volunteer residents to help with the event. If you would like a bag of food and cannot get up to the clubhouse or know a neighbor or friend that could use some free food, contact a board member so we can pass that information on to the volunteers. It is amazing how much food is brought in – everything from eggs to meat packages to fresh vegetables and fruit to bread and sweet treats. Even some flowers are given out. Any food left over after the distribution is given to a local homeless shelter.



GAME OF HORSES

Postponed until Fall.

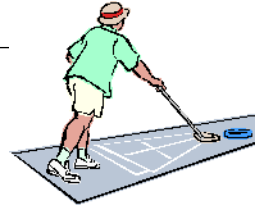
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New year for Koffee Klatch starts up on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 9:00 am This is an opportunity for residents to get together for friendship and discussion about life. Coffee will be provided and you can bring a snack to eat if you would like.

LIBRARY NEWS

Please do. not bring old, yellowed or torn books to the library. We take no medical books, Pamphlets, Maps, Magazines or sports books. Yes, we take CLEAN newer paperbacks and Hardbacks. Also, we take jigsaw puzzles with all the pieces. Please do not bring anything else to the library.

COLORING/CARD MAKING

This group is for both men and women. For questions, please contact Group Sponsor, Sharon Kachinski, Lot 165, 727-725-3745.

WALKERS & WHEELCHAIRS

There are a few walkers and wheelchairs that are available to Amber Glades residents to borrow when needed. These should be returned when the need is over. For information contact Craig Rodgers, 502-435-1612.

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AMBER GLADES FACEBOOK PAGE

Get connected to Amber Glades Facebook page. Pictures of events are posted there by residents and interesting discussions are often seen. Join in and “friend” the Amber Glades Facebook page. We also have an AG Marketplace page where residents can sell and buy items and an official HOA page – **Amber Glades HOA Approved** – where the board will post notices & any activities.



NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

The HOA created a new Facebook page titled, “Amber Glades, Inc. Official Documents. We will use this page to post By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the park and any legal notices of meetings, etc. We have started with posting the new HOA By-Laws that were adopted in January 2025. We now have posted the Amber Glades Prospectus, Community Guidelines, the Amber Glades Lease Agreement the, Clubhouse Rental Agreement and the Social Committee Administrative Procedures. Residents are given a copy of the Prospectus and Community Guidelines when they move in, but if you are unable to find your copy, feel free to look one up on the Facebook page.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Patty Goldberg has volunteered to take on duties of this committee. Anyone that knows of a resident that is ill or has had a death in the family should contact her at 215-913-2463. She will make sure a card is sent to the person.

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If you see suspicious activity in the park or have been confronted by a trespasser, solicitor or door-to-door salesperson – get a good description. Call the Sheriff’s office immediately. This is your best protection and can possibly help apprehend the party.

Issues with Aggressive Dogs – Call Animal Control at 727-582-2600

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DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER UPDATES

Updates for the October Media Guide need to be turned in to Pat Peterman, 205, 618-960-9284, by September 8, 2025. Includes calendar updates. Please email any updates to patt74429@yahoo.com or deliver to Lot 205 Park Mailbox.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

Paducah Insider – (July 27)

Chaos struck downtown Paducah recently after a porta-potty outside a construction site mysteriously exploded, launching the blue structure several feet into the air and leaving behind what witnesses described as a “toxic cloud of regret.” Emergency crews quickly responded, cordoning off the area and issuing nose plugs to nearby pedestrians. Authorities are investigating the cause but say the blast appears to be “methane-related with spicy undertones.” Locals were quick to point fingers. “This has Taco Bell written all over it,” said construction worker Jeff Padgett, still holding his lunch burrito. “That new Diablo Lava Crunch wrap isn’t right”! Taco Bell has denied any involvement, stating in a press release: “Our food is explosive in flavor, not in plumbing”. No one was injured in the blast, though one man claims he lost his dignity. Authorities are still sorting through wet wipes and debris.

1960’S TRIVIA

1. What TV series featured a horse came to an end in 1966?
A) The Adventures of Champion B) Mister Ed
C) Fury D) My Friend Flicka
2. What Academy Award winning director played Opie on the Andy Griffith Show?
A) Mike Nichols B) Robert Redford
C) Steven Spielberg D) Ron Howard
3. What major world event delayed the filming of the Gilligan’s Island pilot episode?
A) John F Kennedy assassination B) Elvis Presley’s honorable discharge from the Army;
C) Bay of Pigs invasion D) Apollo 11 moon landing
4. Who was the first regular to be cast on The Carol Burnett Show?
A) Vicki Lawrence B) Lyle Waggoner
C) Harvey Korman D) Tim Conway
5. Bewitched premiered in 1964 with what Emmy-nominated actress playing Samantha Stephens?
A) Loretta Young B) Patty Duke
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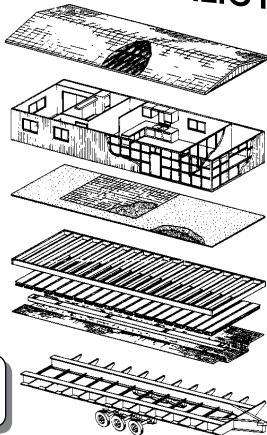
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2) **KETCHUP:** A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year old daughter to answer the phone. “Mommy can’t come to the phone to talk to you right now. She’s hitting the bottle”.

3) **MORE NUDITY:** A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women’s locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. “The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, “What’s the matter, haven’t you ever seen a little boy before?”

4) **POLICE:** While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, “Are you a cop?” Yes I answered and continued writing the report. “My Mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?” “Yes, that’s right,” I told her. “Well then,” she said as she extended her foot towards me, “would you please tie my shoe?”

5) **DRESS-UP:** A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her Dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, “Daddy, you shouldn’t wear that suit”. “And why not darling” the Dad asked. “You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning”.

6) **DEATH:** While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year old son and his playmate had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cottonwool, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister’s son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his Father always said. “Glory be unto the Father, and unto the Son, and into the hold he goes. (I want this line used at my funeral.)

7) **SCHOOL:** A little girl had just finished her first week of school. “I’m just wasting my time” she said to her Mother. “I can’t read, I can’t write and they won’t let me talk”.

8) **BIBLE:** A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He pick it up and saw it was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. “Mamma, look what I found”, the boy called out. “What have you got there, dear?” With astonishment in the young boy’s voice, he answered, “I think it’s Adam’s underwear!”

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Top 10 Concerns That Seniors Face

As we get older, we hope that our lives will become easier. We anticipate retirement as the time in our lives when we can finally relax. While the golden years can be some of the best years of our life, there are always concerns. Senior citizens have challenges to overcome that are universal to all ages as well as some issues that are specific to their age group.

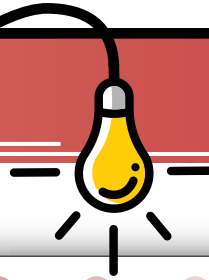
The top ten concerns facing senior citizens today include:

1. **Health Care Costs** – The older we get, the more healthcare we need. It is important to get screenings for disease and natural aging conditions to catch any health issues in their beginning stages. While doctor visits multiply, medical costs are rising, which can impact one's retirement budget. Make sure you have signed up for Medical/Medicare, these programs are there to help make the cost of health care a little more bearable.
2. **Disease** – Alzheimer's, dementia, cataracts, macular degeneration, and osteoporosis – these health issues and more threaten a person's day-to-day functioning capabilities. We all know that health issues progress with age. It is important to learn more about coping with health issues before they happen in order to prepare mentally. Make sure to discuss with your doctor any issues you may have noticed since your last visit. Make sure someone is keeping records of your doctor visits, along with what the doctor has to say, any changes or additions to medications, and any tests they may require and the outcome. You expect your doctor to know your history but often times they do not and things can be missed. You, or a family member need to be your own health care advocate to ensure your health records are accurate.
3. **Physical Aging** – Aging means that we cannot move as quickly as we used to. Our eyes don't see as clearly and our bones weaken. Nutrition and exercise become all the more important as we age. Even a walk to the end of the block and back gets you exercise and Vitamin D, it is important to get out every day and get fresh air and sunshine.
4. **Physical Assistance** – Getting groceries, going to doctor's visits, even small tasks such as cleaning the house become more difficult as we get older and we may need to have daily assistance or a homecare provider. Finding good help can be a challenge. There are many wonderful In-Home Care companies that A Senior Connection works with and they all offer services to help you get to doctor's appointments and other errands; light housekeeping, and meal preparation, as well as assistance with all activities of daily living that are needed.
5. **Financial Security** – The rising cost of living while living on a fixed income poses new financial restrictions. We may not be able to afford the same comforts of life that we used to. Talking to a financial advisor such as Planning for Seniors will assist you fund long term care expenses while maintaining their financial assets.
6. **Loneliness** – Getting older means that our friends are aging, as well. It is common for seniors to lose their friends to Alzheimer's disease or even death. Spending time with remaining friends and family members becomes all the more important. There are wonderful Adult Day Care Programs and Senior Centers to keep yourself active and allow you to keep up with old friends and even make new ones! A pet can be wonderful for daily companionship, as well.

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 - The **fraud department at your credit card issuers**, bank, and other places where you have accounts

How to protect yourself from identity theft

- **Do not answer phone calls**, texts, social media messages, or email from numbers or **people you do not know**.
- Do not share personal information like your bank account number, Social Security number, or date of birth.
- **Collect your mail every day** and place a hold on your mail when you will be on vacation or away from your home.
- Review credit card and bank account statements. Watch for and report unauthorized or suspicious transactions.
- **Understand how ATM skimming works** and how to protect yourself
 - Learn when it is safe to use a public Wi-Fi network
 - Store personal information, including your Social Security card, in a safe place. **Do not carry it in your wallet.**

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Imposter Scam

The top types of imposter scams:

An imposter scammer may call, text, or email to convince you they are **someone in authority**. They may even use caller ID to make it look like they are calling from an official government or business' number. To commit identity theft, they try to get you to send money or a gift card or share personal information.

- **Government** imposter scams - Unless you contact them first, government agencies typically initiate communication with you by letter. Unexpected contact or demands through any other method may be a scam.
- **IRS** imposter scams - scammers pretend you owe the IRS money for taxes and may threaten legal action
- **Social Security** imposter scams - scammers claim there is a problem with your Social Security account or promise to increase your benefits
- **Charity** scams - scammers pretend to be from a real or fake charity and try to get you to contribute
- **Grandparent scams** - scammers pretend to be a grandchild or other relative who needs emergency financial help
- **Tech support** scams - scammers tell you your computer's security is at risk and try to remotely access your device and steal personal information or ask for payment
- Scammers may also pretend to be from your **bank or a company you do business with**. You might be told you owe money or there is a problem with your account.



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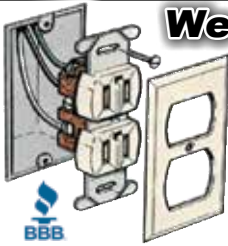
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- 8. **Abuse or Neglect** – Nursing homes and assisted living facilities struggle with understaffing issues, which can lead to abuse or neglect of the residents. Be sure to find a place to live that comes highly recommended by people you trust.
- 9. **Transportation** – Our reflexes can slow as we age and our eyes can become less clear. This may lead us to give up driving for our safety and the safety of others. Thankfully, transportation is available specifically for those who need it, including seniors.
- 10. **Changing social climate** – Adjusting to technological changes is probably the largest social hurdle we can face as senior citizens. See your local library for free classes on using computers.



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2	9	6	4	5	3	8	7	1
7	3	5	8	1	6	2	4	9
9	6	4	5	3	8	1	2	7
8	5	2	1	7	4	6	9	3
3	1	7	9	6	2	4	8	5

September Word Search



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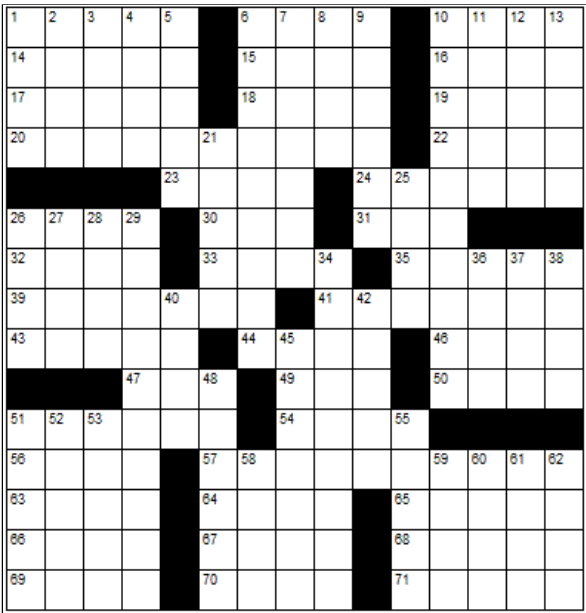


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- 6. Beige
- 10. Clutter
- 14. Not earlier
- 15. Blackball
- 16. Broadcast
- 17. Moan
- 18. Writing styluses
- 19. Nil
- 20. Value
- 22. Greasy
- 23. Coin opening
- 24. Granny Smiths and Red delicious
- 26. Ballet attire
- 30. Half of two
- 31. Anagram of "Eat"
- 32. Any minute
- 33. Voting district
- 35. Scrutinize
- 39. Coating of gold
- 41. Annoying
- 43. Not liquid
- 44. Being
- 46. European mountains
- 47. Observe
- 49. S
- 50. In order that not
- 51. Mixologist
- 54. Female deer (plural)
- 56. Fertilizer component
- 57. Teasingly
- 63. Between black and white
- 64. Whale
- 65. Red Sea peninsula
- 66. Wash
- 67. Bearing
- 68. Economic down time
- 69. Got a good look at
- 70. Strong fiber
- 71. Affirmatives



DOWN

- 1. Seaweed
- 2. Distort
- 3. At the peak of
- 4. Backside
- 5. Anagram of "Sneer"
- 6. Spying
- 7. Deceiver
- 8. Litter member
- 9. Oust
- 10. Relating to menopause
- 11. Electronic letter
- 12. Move furtively
- 13. Doesn't go
- 21. Buffoon
- 25. Summit
- 26. Anagram of "Stag"
- 27. Freshwater mussel
- 28. Fee
- 29. Undaunted
- 34. Disharmonious
- 36. Handout
- 37. Little devils
- 38. Exam
- 40. Bright thought
- 42. Adjust again
- 45. Lures
- 48. Bury
- 51. Army brass instrument
- 52. Impressive display
- 53. Female ruff
- 55. Pantywaist
- 58. Diva's solo
- 59. Egyptian river
- 60. Wildebeests
- 61. Hardly believable
- 62. Puppy sounds



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What's the cutest season?
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Why don't trees play poker in the fall?
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What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?
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What Is Labor Day?

Labor Day honors the **American labor movement** and the **contributions of workers** to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of the country. It's a day to recognize the social and economic achievements of American workers.



History

- **Origin:** The holiday originated during the **late 19th century**, a time of growing industrialization and labor unrest.
- **First Celebration:** The first Labor Day was celebrated on **September 5, 1882**, in New York City, organized by the Central Labor Union.
- **Federal Recognition:** It became a **federal holiday in 1894**, following the Pullman Strike—a nationwide railroad strike that led to significant unrest and prompted President Grover Cleveland to make peace with the labor movement.

How It's Celebrated

- **Parades:** Many cities host parades showcasing labor unions, workers, and community organizations.
- **Barbecues & Picnics:** It's also seen as the unofficial end of summer, so families often gather for cookouts and outdoor fun.
- **Retail Sales:** Major sales events happen over Labor Day weekend, especially for back-to-school shopping.
- **Sports:** College football season often kicks off around Labor Day weekend.

Fun Fact

Labor Day is sometimes confused with **May Day** (International Workers' Day), which is celebrated on **May 1** in many countries. The U.S. chose September to distance itself from the more politically charged May Day.

"Without labor, nothing prospers."
— **Sophocles**

"The reward of a thing well done is having done it."
— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."
— **Confucius**

"Work is no disgrace; the disgrace is idleness."
— **Greek Proverb**

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Fall Anecdotes



1. The Leaf Pile Surprise

"One autumn afternoon, my kids raked a huge pile of leaves in the yard. Just as they were about to jump in, our golden retriever beat them to it—leaves flying everywhere, tail wagging like crazy. The laughter that followed was pure joy."



2. Pumpkin Patch Proposal

"A couple I know got engaged in a pumpkin patch. He carved 'Will you marry me?' into a pumpkin and handed it to her while they were picking out gourds. She said yes, surrounded by hay bales and falling leaves."



3. First Sweater Weather

"Every year, my grandma would knit us new sweaters for fall. The first chilly morning we wore them felt like a warm hug from her—even after she passed, we still pull them out and remember her love."



4. Apple Orchard Mishap

"We went apple picking and got a little too ambitious. Our bags were overflowing, and one apple rolled out, causing a mini avalanche. We ended up with more apples than we could carry—and made pies for the whole neighborhood."



5. Back-to-School Butterflies

"I still remember my daughter's first day of kindergarten in September. She clutched her tiny backpack and looked up at me with nervous eyes. By the end of the day, she was beaming and couldn't stop talking about her new friends."



6. Bonfire Bonding

"One crisp evening, we gathered around a bonfire with blankets and mugs of cider. Someone brought a guitar, and we sang old songs under the stars. It was one of those nights that felt timeless."



7. The Pie Contest Twist

"At our town's fall fair, I entered a pie contest for fun. My crust crumbled, and I was sure I'd lose. Turns out, the judges loved the flavor—and I won third place! Now it's a yearly tradition."



8. Lost & Found

"I dropped a mitten during a fall hike. A week later, someone had hung it on a trail sign with a note: 'Found this cozy friend—hope it finds its way home.' It did."



9. The Leaf Journal

"My son started collecting colorful leaves and gluing them into a notebook. He named each one and wrote stories about where it came from. It became his 'leaf journal'—a beautiful mix of nature and imagination."



10. Squirrel Shenanigans

"We decorated our porch with mini pumpkins. One morning, we caught a squirrel trying to roll one away like a bowling ball. It didn't get far, but it sure made our day."

Turnabout's fair play



A doctor was having trouble with the plumbing in his home. The pipes in his bathroom were starting to leak. Gradually the leak became bigger and bigger. Finally, at about 2 a.m., the doctor decided it was necessary to call his plumber despite the late hour.

The plumber answered the phone with a gruff voice, and it was apparent that he was annoyed at being called upon at such an hour.

"Geesh," he said to the doctor, "do you think you could have waited till a decent hour to call?"

"Well," the doctor answered, "You never hesitate to call me in the middle of the night with a medical problem. I have a plumbing emergency! What else am I supposed to do?"

"You're right," conceded the plumber. "Tell me what the problem is."

The doctor told him about the leak in the bathroom.

"Tell you what to do," the plumber said. "Take two aspirins every four hours and drop them down the pipe. If the leak hasn't cleared up in the morning, call me at my office."

— adapted from *Take This Book, Please*, by Henny Youngman

Make it a double?



A well-dressed man began to stop in a bar every after-noon and order two martinis. After several weeks of serving the man the bartender asked him why he didn't order a double instead.

"Oh," the man said. "It's a matter of sentiment. A few weeks ago a good friend of mine died, and before he went he asked me that whenever I have a drink, I have one for him, too."

"Gotcha," the bartender said with understanding.

But a week later when the man sat down he ordered only one martini.

"Hey, what about your dead buddy?" the bartender asked.

"Oh, this is for him," the man answered. "I'm on the wagon." — adapted from *Take This Book, Please*, by Henny Youngman

On laziness

Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired.

— **Jules Renard**

*There is no pleasure in having nothing to do;
the fun is in having lots to do and not doing it.*

— **Mary Wilson Little**



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